

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A gaming device operable to request and receive funds electronically, said gaming device comprising:

a game processor operable to receive a wager from a player to initiate a wagering game;

an EFT controller operable to process an electronic fund request by the player, the EFT controller operating without direct communication between the game processor and the EFT controller;

a card reader operable with the EFT controller; and

a payment device operable with the game processor, the payment device providing a monetary amount to a player upon inserting a card into the card reader and receiving an approval for the electronic fund transfer request from a remote fund repository that communicates with the EFT controller via a banking network; and

a housing that supports the controller, the processor, the card reader and the payment device.

Claim 2 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the card is selected from the group consisting of: a credit card, debit card, gaming establishment card and any combination thereof.

Claim 3 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the amount is of a type selected from the group consisting of: a ticket, gaming device credits, gaming device tokens, coins, a lottery ticket and any combination thereof.

Claim 4 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the payment device is selected from the group consisting of: a ticket printer, a hopper, a credit meter, a gaming establishment card/account, a lottery ticket issuer and any combination thereof.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes a display operable with the EFT controller to display electronic fund transfer information to the user.

Claim 6 (original): The gaming device of Claim 5, wherein the display is a first display and which includes a second display that displays a game of the gaming device.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes an input device operable with the EFT controller to enable the user to input electronic fund transfer information.

Claim 8 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the banking network is a wide area network.

Claim 9 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the banking network includes an internet.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes a local casino network that interfaces between the banking network and the game processor.

Claim 11 (original): The gaming device of Claim 10, wherein the local casino network supports at least one other function selected from the group consisting of: promotions, casino-player fund transfers, player tracking and any combination thereof.

Claim 12 (original): The gaming device of Claim 10, wherein the local casino network communicates with a ticket validation system that logs the monetary amount provided to the player.

Claim 13 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 10, which includes an integrated circuit board that interfaces between the game processor and the local casino network.

Claim 14 (currently amended): A gaming device operable to transfer funds electronically for use by a player said gaming device comprising:

a first processor that is operable to

(a) receive an electronic fund transfer request from the player, the request including an account number and a requested amount of money, and

(b) send the request to a remote fund repository that generates a response to the request;

a ticket printer; and

a second processor that causes the ticket printer to print a ticket with the requested amount if the response is an approval, the second processor operating without direct communication between the first controller and the second controller.

Claim 15 (original): The gaming device of Claim 14, wherein the fund transfer request includes at least one of: a personal identification number, the amount and an election for a transfer from a credit account or a debit account.

Claim 16 (cancelled).

Claim 17 (currently amended): A system for transferring funds electronically to a gaming device for use by a player, said system comprising:

a gaming device having a EFT control unit and a game processor;

a first network operable to access a remote fund repository that receives an electronic fund transfer request from the EFT control unit and provides a response to the request; and

a second network that communicates with ~~a~~the game processor of the gaming device to credit the player a monetary amount if the response from the remote fund repository is an approval, the second network being different than the first network, the game processor operating without direct communication between the EFT control unit and the game processor.

Claim 18 (original): The system of Claim 17, wherein the first network includes an internet.

Claim 19 (original): The system of Claim 17, which includes a plurality of remote fund repositories linked via the first network.

Claim 20 (original): The system of Claim 17, which includes a plurality of gaming devices linked by the second network.

Claim 21 (original): The system of Claim 20, wherein at least two of the gaming devices play different types of games.

Claim 22 (original): The system of Claim 17, wherein the second network is a local area network.

Claim 23 (canceled).

Claim 24 (original): The system of Claim 17, which includes a ticket printer that prints a ticket with the monetary amount.

Claim 25 (original): The system of Claim 24, wherein the ticket printer is located in the gaming device.

Claim 26 (currently amended): A method of providing a monetary amount for use at a gaming device in a gaming establishment, said method comprising:

transmitting from a first processor of the gaming device a fund request amount to a remote fund repository;

receiving, at a second processor of the gaming device, a response from the remote fund repository without direct communication between the first processor and the second processor;

providing the amount for use at the gaming device if the response is an approval; and

informing the gaming establishment of the amount provided.

Claim 27 (original): The method of Claim 26, wherein providing the amount includes: crediting a credit meter of the gaming device; issuing a number of tokens from a hopper; issuing a lottery ticket; printing a receipt and any combination thereof.

Claim 28 (original): The method of Claim 26, wherein transmitting from the first processor includes transmitting over a wide area network.

Claim 29 (original): The method of Claim 26, wherein receiving at the second processor includes receiving from a local area network.